

Standard Conditions - Maintained Dirt Roads

Always check for current road condition at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center or on the daily Death Valley National Park Morning Report.

Aguereberry Point Road

High clearance 2WD . 6 mile, graded gravel road off Emigrant Canyon Road. After the first 3 1/2 miles, road enters a narrows and climbs moderately. The next one-mile section has loose rock and bedrock protruding from the road surface. Sedans may risk undercarriage damage. Final 1/2 mile ascent to Aguereberry Point is steep and has occasional rocks. Subject to snow and mud conditions during wet periods. Watch out for other vehicles on blind curves! No Camping. Day use only.

Big Pine / Death Valley Road

High clearance 2WD. 48 mile gravel road graded by county. First 36 miles unpaved, then 4 miles paved, followed by 8 additional miles unpaved, then paved to Big Pine. Expect dust and occasional rough spots. First 3 miles very rough washboard, no clearance problems. 4WD is recommended when washed out. Carry chains in winter.

Charcoal Kilns / Upper Wildrose Canyon Road

Most vehicles, paved but last 2 miles to kilns are graded, gravel road. No RVs or trailers. Regular vehicles possible but large rocks require caution and slow speed. Road closed during winter months if ice and snow create a hazard. Road continuing to Thorndike and Mahogany Camps is high clearance 2WD; high clearance 4WD during the winter. Camping only in designated campgrounds.

Darwin Falls Road

All vehicles. 2 mile graded gravel road off Hwy 190, then high clearance 4WD to park boundary and Darwin. First two miles are wash boarded. No camping first two miles or at the trailhead.

Desolation Canyon Road

All vehicles. 2 mile graded, dirt road, 3.7 miles south of Hwy 190 on Badwater Rd; not marked. No camping.

Devil's Golf Course Road

All vehicles. 1.3 mile, graded gravel road off Badwater Road. Closed when wet.

Eureka Dunes / South Eureka Road

High clearance 2WD. 11 mile dirt road graded by county. Road to dunes is in good shape except often very washboarded. It is often passable to sedans. From Hwy 395 the access road is mostly paved and signed Death Valley Road. The access road from the south is called the Big Pine Road and is a long graded, gravel road recommended for high clearance 2WD vehicles. Road beyond dunes is high clearance 4WD to Saline Valley.

Greenwater Valley Road.

High clearance 2WD. 28 mile graded, gravel road. From the north off Dante's View Road the first two miles are slow and washboarded. From the south end (Hwy 178) the road starts out fairly well but soon becomes washboarded. No camping first two miles from either end.

Hidden Valley Road

High clearance 2WD. Approx. 20 miles of dirt road from Teakettle Junction to Hunter Mtn. Road through Hidden Valley and Ulida Flat is very washboard with deep dust in places and subject to flooding and standing water after rains. At the south end of Hidden Valley the road is steep and rough for approx. 1/4 mile. The road between Ulida Flat and Goldbelt has several protruding rocks, potholes and some dips. Note: Racetrack Road through Hidden Valley to Hunter Mountain and out to Hwy 190 is about a 120-mile trip.

Historic Stovepipe Wells Road

All vehicles. Short, dirt road off Scotty's Castle Road, 3 miles north of Hwy 190. Old road to sand dunes picnic area was closed to protect archeological resources. No camping, designated day use area.

Keane Wonder Mine Road

All vehicles. 3 mile graded, gravel road, off Beatty Cut-Off Road, 5.7 miles north of Hwy 190. No camping.

Lee Flat Road

All vehicles. Accessed from southern Saline Valley Road, 8 miles north off Hwy 190. (take left fork in road). Washboarded. Graded once a year by county. Passenger cars usually ok on main road but not on side roads.

Mahogany Flat Road

High clearance 2WD. 1.5 mile gravel road beyond the Charcoal Kilns Road. Thorndike Campground is the last turn-around point, then the road becomes rough, narrow and very steep. Road is often closed or impassable from mid-December to mid-March due to snow and ice. 4WD may be necessary at any time depending on weather and road conditions. Sedans risk damage to undercarriage from large rocks. Recommend low gear for steep downhill on return trip. Camp only in designated campgrounds.

Mosaic Canyon Road

All vehicles. 2.4 mile graded, gravel road. Access is off Hwy 190 just west of Stovepipe Wells. Washboarded. No camping, day use only.

Mustard Canyon Road

All vehicles. Approx. 1.3 mile dirt road loop from Harmony Borax back to Hwy 190. Washboarded.

Natural Bridge Road

All vehicles. 1.5 mile dirt road with some sections paved off Badwater Road. Road is steep and rough with many rocks. No camping, day use only.

North Eureka Valley Road

High clearance 2WD. 8 miles of dirt road graded by county to park boundary off the Big Pine/Death Valley Road. High clearance 4WD often required to continue 12 miles north to Hwy 168.

Racetrack Valley Road

High clearance 2WD. 34 miles of loose gravel, washboard, some protruding rocks. Moderate and long uphill grade (2400' in 9 miles). Sedans, campers and RVs do negotiate this road occasionally but are not recommended. Posted 4WD, high clearance due to changing road conditions and irregular maintenance. Flat tires are common on this road; be sure your spare is in good shape. No camping first two miles or from Teakettle Junction to the southern end of the Racetrack.

Saline Valley Road - South Pass

High clearance 2WD. Southern access from Hwy 190 to Lee Flat has been surfaced for 8 miles but is very potholed. From South Pass, road is graded gravel. May be closed in winter due to snow or ice. Approx. 50 miles from Hwy 190 to warm springs road. Take left fork at South Pass; right fork goes up to Hunter Mountain.

Saline Valley Road - North Pass

High clearance 2WD road that traverses higher mountain terrain (7000' North Pass) and is more frequently affected by winter weather. Washboarded and rocks. Expect washouts during rain. Graded once per year. From the Big Pine Road it is approx. 30 miles to turnoff to warm springs road.

Salt Creek Road

All vehicles. 1.3 mile graded, dirt road off Hwy 190. Washboarded. Subject to closure when wet.

No camping, day use only.

Skidoo Road

High clearance 2WD. 11 mile gravel road off Emigrant Canyon Road is graded annually to Skidoo Townsite (no visible remains of the townsite). After the first 3 1/2 miles, grade increases with rocks protruding from the road surface. Caution is necessary for sedans to negotiate without risking undercarriage damage. After the climb the road is narrow and steep on one side with occasional rocks in the road. Beyond the townsite, roads are not maintained. Roads subject to snow and mud conditions. Watch for other vehicles on blind curves. Two access roads to the mill are gated and locked. Access is by foot only. No camping, day use only.

Titus Canyon Road (one-way section)

High clearance 2WD. 26 mile one-way section starts off Nevada Hwy 374. Road surface varies from washboard to wash outs across the road that would cause 2WD vehicles or small trucks to become high-centered. RVs and campers are too large and unstable to travel safely. Red Pass grade is steep and narrow, with sharp switchbacks and protruding rocks and potholes. Road is often closed in winter due to snow or flooding. Very rough washboard. No camping, day use only.

Titus Canyon Road (two-way section)

Most vehicles. 3 mile graded gravel, two-way road section off Scotty's Castle Road is rocky but passable to most sedans. No large RVs or trailers due to limited parking at trailhead. No camping, day use only.

Twenty Mule Team Canyon Road

Most vehicles. 2.6 mile one-way dirt road off Hwy 190. No RVs, trailers or buses. Near the end, road climbs steeply, turns right and drops down suddenly. It is not as bad as it looks; shift to lowest gear and go ahead slowly. Do not turn around and drive the wrong way, but remain alert for people going the wrong way. Subject to closure when wet. No camping, day use only.

West Side Road

High clearance 2WD. 36 mile dirt road off Badwater Road is graded annually. Heavy washboard much of way. Deep gravel in places. No camping along road, must be 2 miles up side roads before camping allowed.